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January Unemployment Falls in 11 of 12 Metro Areas *Chicago, Lake, Champaign, Kankakee Lead Job Growth*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2014*	Jan. 2013
Bloomington-Normal	7.7%	7.8%
Champaign-Urbana	8.5%	9.1%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	8.6%	10.0%
Danville	12.5%	11.9%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	8.0%	8.2%
Decatur	12.9%	13.9%
Kankakee-Bradley	11.9%	12.9%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	9.2%	10.1%
Peoria	9.8%	10.1%
Rockford	12.9%	13.0%
Springfield	8.2%	8.8%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	9.1%	10.0%

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO – January unemployment rates fell in 11 of 12 metropolitan areas in Illinois, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2014 to January 2013.

Illinois businesses added jobs in five metros. Largest increases: Lake-Kenosha (+3.1 percent, +11,700), Champaign-Urbana (+1.3 percent, +1,400), Kankakee-Bradley (+1.2 percent, +500) and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+1.1 percent, +42,000). Largest decreases: Bloomington-Normal (-2.7 percent, -2,400) and Peoria (-1.9 percent, -3,400). Much of these decreases continue to reflect a temporary slowdown in global manufacturing demand. Industry sectors recording job growth in the most metros: Leisure and Hospitality (10 of 12), Retail Trade (seven of 12) and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (seven of 12).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares the current month to the same month of the previous year. The January 2014 not seasonally adjusted

Illinois rate was 9.1 percent and 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 7.0 percent in January and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits. Historically, the state unemployment rate is higher than the national rate.

Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2014

Metropolitan Area	January 2014*	January 2013**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	86,700	89,100	-2,400
Champaign-Urbana MSA	105,200	103,800	1,400
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,711,500	3,669,500	42,000
Danville MSA	28,300	28,500	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,200	179,900	-1,700
Decatur MSA	50,400	50,700	-300
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	43,400	42,900	500
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	390,600	378,900	11,700
Peoria MSA	174,800	178,200	-3,400
Rockford MSA	144,100	144,800	-700
Springfield MSA	108,900	108,800	100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	224,600	225,700	-1,100

*Preliminary **Revised

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